

REMARKS

Applicant acknowledges with appreciation that claims 8, 9, 34, 36 and 37 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 36 has been placed into independent form and includes all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 37 is dependent upon claim 36. Therefore, Applicant submits that claims 36 and 37 are allowable.

Claims 1-7, 10-15, 20, 21, 25, 33 and 35 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being unpatentable over United States Patent No. 6,582,252 to Lin in view of United States Patent No. 5,975,959 to Joly. Claims 16, 17 and 22-30 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being unpatentable over Lin in view of Joly and further in view of United States Patent No. 7,021,967 to Mullin and United States Patent No. 6,135,818 to Lang et al. Claims 18, 19 and 31 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being unpatentable over Lin in view of Joly and further in view of United States Patent No. 5,199,903 to Asick et al. Reconsideration and withdrawal of these rejections is requested.

Claim 1 as amended specifies “a receptacle defined between said spring connector and said signal contact on said housing, . . . wherein when the printing wiring board is inserted into the receptacle, said deflectable arm deflects when in contact with the printed wiring board and a signal contact on the printed wiring board engages with said signal contact on said housing to electrically connect the signal contact on the printed wiring board with the signal contact on said housing.”

As best understood from the rejection, the Examiner has defined the cavity 24 of Lin as the receptacle into which the printing wiring board inserted. This cavity 24 is not defined between the spring connector 40 (as defined by the Examiner) and the signal contact 35, 37 on

the housing as specified in amended claim 1. There is no disclosure or suggestion of providing a receptacle or cavity in Lin between the spring connector and the signal contact on the housing. Joly does not remedy this deficiency. Therefore, the combination of Lin and Joly does not render obvious claim 1.

In addition, with regard to the Examiner's assertion that the previous response was not fully responsive "because just a material -which was not explicitly disclosed- of one of the components, is argued.", Applicant disagrees with this assertion. First, the material was not argued; a claimed property of a material was argued. Clearly, dielectric and conductive mean opposite things. Second, the Examiner cited that component 20 was dielectric. As Lin clearly states in Col. 2, line 66, front shell 20 is *conductive*. Therefore, element 20 is not the claimed dielectric housing of claim 1. Third, the Examiner has the duty to specify how each and every element of the claim is found in the prior art in the rejection. A response to the Office Action is fully responsive if a single claim limitation is pointed out to the Examiner which is not found in the prior art. Since the Examiner felt compelled to provide a new assertion that "it would be cost-effective to mold it [Lin's conductive element 20] from plastic with metal coating to make a surface of the housing conductive in order to shield signal contacts" in order to explain how he views the claim unpatentable and cites additional prior art to show how this would be known to one of ordinary skill in the art, Applicant submits that the initial rejection was not fully defined. In addition, in view of the most recent Office Action, it appears that this rejection should have been restated to include at least one of these additional prior art documents. Nevertheless, and in order to further prosecution of this application, Applicant has amended claim 1 to overcome this rejection.

Therefore, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection is requested. Allowance of amended claim 1 is requested.

Claims 2-35 are dependent upon claim 1 which Applicant submits is allowable. Reconsideration and allowance of claims 2-35 is requested.

A Petition for a Two-Month Extension of Time is concurrently submitted herewith to extend the date for response up to and including July 7, 2008. Applicant's outside counsel, Linda Palomar (Registration No. 37,903), confirmed that the response date was one-month, and not three months as listed on the Office Action summary sheet.

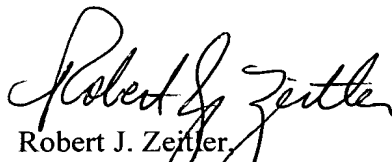
Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conversation will facilitate the prosecution of the above-identified application, the Examiner is invited to call Applicant's attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

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